

CALFRESH REQUEST FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION**PI# 18-20**

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Retain a copy for your records and submit via email to CalFresh-PI@dss.ca.gov.

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1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		5. DATE OF REQUEST: 02/16/2017	NEED RESPONSE BY:
2. REQUESTOR NAME:		6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Merced Co.	
3. PHONE NO.: EMAIL:		7. SUBJECT: OP/OI Reduction	
4. REGULATION CITE(S):		8. REFERENCES: <i>(Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references)</i> NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). ACL 12-25	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Merced Co. has raised the following question,
ACL 12-25 addresses establishing OP/OIs and notes the grant reductions will not begin until next AUs SAP. The question is, are county's required to wait until next SAP to commence the "benefit reduction" when the client has signed and submitted a CF 377.7B repayment agreement and notes a specific month in which to start reducing the CF?

Would we consider this a voluntary grant reduction request?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Counties would have the ability to reduce the grant amount based on the signed CF 377.7B and the month the client has noted to commence the reduction or the next available month even if it would result in a mid period change.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Per ACL 12-25, rules regarding offsetting of OPs with UPs have not changed under SAR. CWDs should refer to MPP 63-801.7 for policy on methods of collecting payments. If the client has signed and submitted a CF 377.7B repayment agreement and they note a specific month in which to begin a repayment plan, the CWD shall accept this agreement and begin collection even if it results in a mid-period change in benefits.

FOR CDSS USEDATE RECEIVED:
02/21/2018DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:
03/06/2018 DAWM